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Previous References.

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Later References.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. 6

Part B for 1948-49

SUBJECT

Conference of Delhi to discuss the Refugee Housing Scheme.

for 31/7/48

340 XXX Conference at Delhi to discuss...

General and Revenue Secretariat

Refugee Housing Scheme. File No. of 19

[App. F/III/2

WD 05035—GPB—1,000—20-6-49

Serial No.

Telegram No R HB from "Refugee" Delhi dt 16.8.49

Requests to depute Chief Engineer and other officers to attend Conference at Delhi on 30th and 31st Aug. 1949 for discussing Refugee Housing Scheme, and to intimate by wire.

The Main file re Refugee Housing Scheme is under issue. The G. of I. have sanctioned Rs 4,80,000/- ~~for that~~ loan for the above purpose to this Govt. No final scheme has yet been sent to Govt. either by the M.S.R.R.C. or by the City Improvement Board, who held a preliminary meeting for the purpose.

2) The G. of I. have asked us to send officers to attend a conference at Delhi on 30.8.49 and 31.8.49 for discussing this scheme.

3) The following officers may perhaps be deputed:—

1. The Chairman, B'bay C.I.T. Board
2. The Chairman, M.S.R.R.C.
3. The Joint Secy. "
4. The Trust Board Engineer.

P T O.

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(340) Conference at Delhi to discuss 671

File No. Refugee Housing Scheme of 19

General and Revenue Secretariat

Serial No.

4) The Agency to undertake the Refugee Housing Scheme has not yet been decided.

5) It would be very fruitful if our Officers attend this Conference and the above mentioned Officers are already acquainted with the preliminaries of this Scheme.

For orders.

Sd/- 18/8/49

6) In order to obtain the full benefit of participating in the proposed Conference, it is necessary first and foremost to have a Concrete Scheme for housing refugees in Bangalore. The Chairman, M. S. R. R. C. may be apprised of the forthcoming Conference at Delhi and his views invited as regards participation in it. He may also be requested to say whether the M. S. R. R. C. has yet considered the Scheme received from the Local Board, and if so, with what result.

Sd/- 18.8.49

7) It is better our Officers participate in the Conference. The names of Officers suggested in para 3 of the notes would be suitable.

8) In the meantime the Chairman, M. S. R. R. C. may be consulted and his opinion obtained as suggested above.

(Rem Secy)

DCMR 18/8/49

(340) XXX Conference at Delhi to discuss

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9) The Telegram received from Govt. of India is for perusal. We have no definite scheme (Houses of the Legislature) with the Govt. The Chairman P.W.T. Board, and the Chairman Refugee Committee have not also sent any scheme in this direction. The views of the Chairman Refugee Committee and also the Chairman P.W.T. may be ascertained, in the first instance, before any decision is taken about deputing Officers to Delhi.

yes
17/8

(Home Minister)

10) 17/8

11) 19/8

12) Draft. To say Please & also tell the effect given to phone. 19/8/49

13) Draft letter submitted for approval.
22/8/49

14) Drawn
22/8/49

Issued letters 1575-6/C.S. dt 23.8.49 to the Chairman
1) M.S.R.R.C. B'lore and
2) The C.I. Trust Bd. B'lore.
Requesting to intimate their views

Letter no. 240/49 D/ 24.8.49 from the Chairman, M.S.R.R.C.
Suggests that the following delegates be sent to Delhi:—
1. Chairman (Not certain)
2. Tamil Secy.
3. Sri K.R. Madhava Rao Hon. Secy M.S. Congress
4. Sri R. Madhavan B.E. Engineer Mica Trust Bd.
5. Ch. Engineer, R & B

Lrtd.
Telephoned.
22/8

Secs
P.U.D. I

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(340) Conference at Delhi - Refuge Housing

File No. 671/725 of 1950/763 General and Revenue Secretariat

Serial No.

Letter × No G 99/49-50 D/ 24.8.49 P.U.D II.
from the Chairman C. I. Trust Bd. Bhavan.
Presses the need for Mysore
to be represented at Delhi Conference.
15) He does not state whether
he is agreeable to go to Delhi.
16) The agency to execute the
Refuge Housing Scheme has not
been decided. Perhaps there
is no need for the Chief
Engineer R & B. to attend
this Conference.
17) The Mysore Delegation
may consist of :—
1. Chairman C. I. T. B. ×
2. Joint Secy. M. S. R. R. C. ✓
3. Sri K. R. Madhava Rao ✓
4. Sri R. Madhavan B.E. Engineer Offr. Tr. Bd. ✓ ✓
5. Chairman M. S. R. R. C. (Who may attend if convenient)
18) A reply telegram to
the G. of I. is put up
for Consideration.

19) The Delegation will necessarily
have to travel by × air.
The source from which
their T. A. is to be met
is for orders.
25/8/49

20) If the deputation of
delegates from Mysore is decided upon,
the number may perhaps be restricted to

× Conference at 10 A.M. 30.8.49 + 31.8.49

Serial No.

A/ the last four persons in the panel – suggested at para 17, and a representative of the refugees could perhaps be added if considered necessary and desirable.

21) The T. A. charges may perhaps be debited to the Refugee Relief Fund. It is not known whether the Govt. of India is meeting any portion of the same. This may be ascertained by telegram, if approved

B/ 25.8.49. 22) A & B are for approval

(Rau Secy) 25/8/49

23) A. The personnel of the members is as mentioned in para 17 of the note. So is the consideration. I think it not clear enough to include a representative of the refugees will go with the members.

24) B. The T. A. charges may at this stage be debited to the Refugee Relief Fund, and adjusted if Govt. of India wish it later on.

25/8/49

(Home Minister)

26) A. 1) The Chairman Refugee relief Comm.
2 Supdt Bd. Engineers
3 Sri S. R. Kashyap
4 Joint Secretary
5 may attend if

5) Telegram may issue in terms suggested

25/8

27) Yes

25/8

Copy sent by Govt. Secy.

NOTE—Contn. Sheet

Telegram issued 26/8

OF THE HOME M
2754
25 AUG 1949

(740/56) Conference at Delhi — Refuge Housing 763

File No. of 19

General and Revenue Secretariat

Serial No.

Issued telegram D/ 25. P. 49 to "Refugee" New Delhi

Issued Post Copy No: 1670-79/CS D/ 25. P. 49 to the Ly. of J. Intimating that Mysore Delegation of 4 members leaving by Air. etc.

Issued No 16 P 2/CS E i D/ 25. P. 49 to the Chairman, M. S. R. R. C. Intimates the 4 delegates Chosen to attend Delhi Conference by Air etc. Copies issued to Chairman, C. I. T. Bd. and Tl. Ley.

230 refugees D/ P. 9. 49

28) Re-submitted after issue, for the perusal of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

26/8/49

29) Please put up a letter to the Comptroller on the lines of para 24 - approved in para 27.

29. 8. 49

30) Draft letter to Comptroller put up for approval.

31/8

Gen. Secy)

31) dsmR 31/8/49

31. 8. 49

32) dr 31/8/49

Issued nos 1751/CS P 2 D/ 1. 9. 49 to the Comptroller and 1757-52/CS D/ 1. 9. 49 to the Chairman, M. S. R. R. C, and C. I. T. B. respectively. Intimates that 3 delegates flew to Delhi and infms about T. A. charges.

33) Re-submitted after

Tel: Ley M. S. R. R. C
Tel: Ley Congress
Trunk-Bl. Engrs

left for Delhi

31/8

dsmR 31/8/49

ascertain that only 3 delegates viz:

SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MYSORE No..... Date..... 31/8

GENERAL & REVENUE SECT. 1 SEP 1949 CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH

Conference at Delhi to discuss Refuge Housing Schemes.

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attnd.

34) Reference paras 27 and 28 of the notes supra.

Gen. Secy 2/9 2.9.49

(35) The proceedings of the meeting may be awaited. 3/9/49

Home Minister 5/9/49

36) 7/9. 13/9

37) please call for a copy of the proceeding from the Joint Secy if one is available time. 15/9/49

38) Draft put up for approval 16/9

39) Issued letter no. 2599/CB D/20.9.49 to Tl. Secy. M.S.R.R.C. Bombay. Requested to send copy of proceedings

Letter no 456 D/11.X.49 from Tl. Secy reports that proceedings copy will be sent on receipt from N. Delhi

40) For perusal. Refers paras 27

19/X

41) 10.49 Letter No. F 6 (45)-R/49 7.11.49 from the G. of I. Forwards Proceedings of Engineers' Conf held on 30th & 31st Aug. 1949

P.T.O

SECRETARIAT TO GOVT OF MYSORE
No. 3/9
Date.
GENERAL DEPARTMENTS

OFFICE OF THE
3646
5 SEP 1949
REGISTRY

Date 14/9
GENERAL DEPARTMENTS

GENERAL & REVENUE SECRETARIAT
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56 | Conference held at Delhi to discuss Refugee Housing Scheme

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1509/2104 C/B

General and Revenue Secretariat

Serial No.

2) Reference para 37 supra. The Proceedings of the Engineers' Conference is for perusal.

18/11/49

Gen. Secy) 43) dcmR 18/11/49

18.11.49

44) Chief Min) dcm 21/11/49

45) Rev 21/11/49

46) dcm 21/11/49

Letter No. 763 D/5.12.49 from the Tl. Secy: M.S.R.R.C. Requests to sanction a Daily Allce of Rs 35/- per Day and Rs 10/- per day Conveyance Allce in addition to Tonga Charges.

47) As per letter No 1751/CB D/1.9.49 issued to the Comptroller the 3 delegates are permitted to claim T.A. Charges to Delhi and back by Air, and D.A. as per Rules. But the Tunl-Secy. states that accommodation was reserved for the delegates at Imperial Hotel, New Delhi. It is not known who reserved it. Presumably, the G. of I. may have arranged this.

Office of the [illegible]
No. 4067
Date of Receipt 23/11/49

No. 8019 Date 21/11 SECRETARIAT GOVT OF MYSORE

No. [illegible] Date 21/11

GENERAL & REVENUE SECRETARIAT 6 DEC 1949 CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH.

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(56)

Welfare Housing Conference —

Serial No.	
	2104 / 25-2 CB
	48) The request for sanctioning special rates of D. A. @ Rs 35/- per day and Conveyance Allce of Rs 10/- per day is for orders. F.D. may be consulted.
	Sd/- 9/1/50
	49) It may be ascertained by whom accomodation was reserved at this expensive Hotel, and if this was done by the Govt. of India, whether they would bear any [redacted] or all the charges of the delegates- vide paras 24 and 27.
	Sd/- 9.1.50. 50) Draft letter for resp for approval.
	Sd/- 10/1/50 51) Issued letter No. 9204/CB dt/12.1.50 to the Tl. Leg. M.S.R.R.C Bhopal. Requests to intimate certain details. DMR 10/1/50
	Letter No. 967 D/23.1.50 from Tl. Leg. M.S.R.R.C. Forwards report in the matter.
	52) Reference para 49 supra.
	53) The report is for perusal. It is more creative than informative in character.

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WD 4509—GBPM—1,000—28-10-40.

(56) Delhi Municipal Conference —

File No. Special Rates of T of 195 A & D. General and Revenue Secretariat

2552 N 3344 Serial No.

54) Apparently the Officer herself chose this expensive hotel for some reason or the other. Reference para 48 supra. Financial Secretary may be consulted

3/3/50

55) The report now furnished does answer clearly the points raised. It is not clear as to who provided the facilities for the delegates. It does not appear to be necessary to pursue the matter. It may be informed again that only the T.A. and D.A. admissible under the rules will be allowed.

Secy. (L. S. G.) 6.3.50

56) Chief Minr) 8/3/50

57) Kindly 22/3/50

58) 23/3

59) Draft letter put up for approval

24/3/50

Secy. (L. S. G.) 25/3/50

Approved

28/3

30/3/50

No. 14713 Date 6/3 GENERAL DEPARTMENTS

GENERAL & REVENUE SECRETARIAT 8 - MAR 1950 CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH.

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No. 7220

Date of Receipt 8.3.50

No. Revt. 15559 Date 27/3

GENERAL & REVENUE SECRETARIAT 24 MAR 1950 CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH.

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GENERAL & REVENUE SECRETARIAT 30 MAR 1950 CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH.

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~~2~~ (56) Delhi Housing Conference. Special Rates of TA. and ~~DA~~. 2552 V 3344.

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Serial No.

Issued Letter No. 42/CR. Dt 1/4/50.

To the organising Secy. Indian Red Cross, Vani-Vilas Road, Basavangudi Bangalore. Intimate that his request to grant Spl. DA. etc cannot be granted

Letter No. 43-46 Dt 1-4-50.

copy of the above letter.

To the Comptr. & Cyst.

" R.E. Mysore.

" Chairman C.I.T.B. Bldgs. and

" Chairman Advisory Committee for Refugees, Bangalore.

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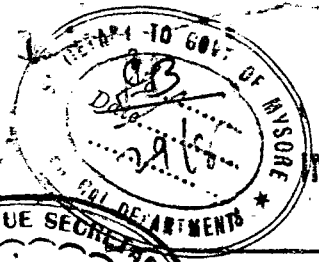

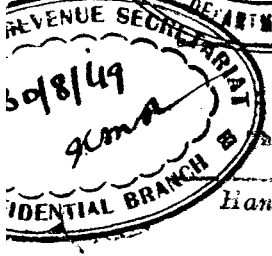

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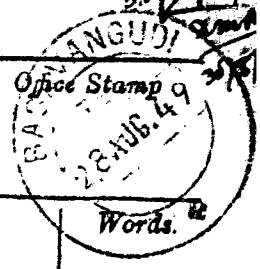

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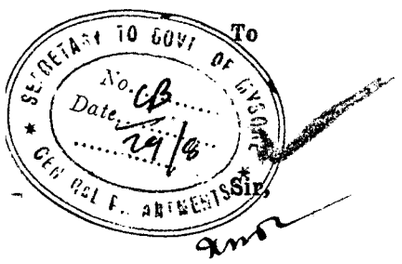

To

The Secretary to Government,

General Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the Press Note issued in connection with the participation of the delegates from the Mysore State at the Refugee Housing Conference on the 30th and 31st instants for your kind information with reference to your letter No. 1683-84/C.B. dated 25-8-49, and to state that the undersigned will avail of this opportunity to urge the Central Government to expedite sanction for other proposals placed before them in respect of the quick rehabilitation of the refugees.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary
Tyagi State Refugee Rehabilitation Committee Bangalore

No. 282/286

Office of the Secretary,
Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee,
Bangalore, dated 28th Aug. 1949.

PRESS NOTE.

The undersigned Joint Secretary, Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee and Sris. K.R. Madhava Rao, Member of the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee and R. Madhavan, B.E., Engineer Officer of theCity Improvement Trust Board, Bangalore, are proceeding to Delhi by air on Monday the 29th instant at 7 A.M. to participate in the Refugee Housing Conference to be held at Delhi on the 30th and 31st instants.

Sd/- Lakshmy P. Krishnappa,
JOINT SECRETARY.

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TO Chief Secretary Mysore govt. Bangalore

= No RHB.(·) From mehr chand khanna Stop govt of India ministry of rehabilitation will be glad if chief Engr of your province Union/state responsible for housing Schemes for resettling Refugees will kindly attend a conference on the thirtieth and thirtyfirst au

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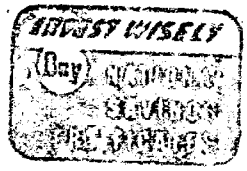

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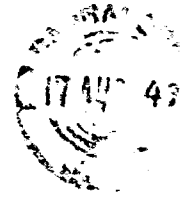

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TO intimate by wire Number of delegates from your province/Union/State so that necessary arrangements can be made Stop detailed agenda and note on the Subjects to be discussed will follow

- Refugee.

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15. CHIEF SECRETARY, SAURASHTRA, RAJKOT
16. CHIEF SECRETARY, PATIALA AND EAST PUNJAB STATES UNION, PATIALA
17. DEPUTY CHIEF COMMISSIONER, HIMACHAL PRADESH, SIMLA

NO: RHB - (.) FROM MEHR CHAND KHANNA STOP GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF REHABILITATION WILL BE GLAD IF CHIEF ENGINEER OF YOUR PROVINCE/UNION/STATE RESPONSIBLE FOR HOUSING SCHEMES FOR RESETTLING REFUGEES WILL KINDLY ATTEND A CONFERENCE ON THE THIRTIETH AND THIRTYFIRST AUGUST, 1949, AT TEN A.M. TO DISCUSS PROGRESS OF HOUSE BUILDING AND DIFFICULTIES IMPEDING THIS PROGRESS AS ALSO PROGRESS OF LAND ACQUISITION PLANNING SERVICES ALLOTMENT OF SCARCE MATERIALS AND TRANSPORT AND SUCH OTHER PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THEM STOP IT IS SUGGESTED THAT CHIEF ENGINEER MIGHT BRING WITH HIM SUCH OTHER OFFICERS AS HE MAY CONSIDER DESIRABLE STOP KINDLY INTIMATE BY WIRE NUMBER OF DELEGATES FROM YOUR PROVINCE/UNION/STATE so that NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE STOP DETAILED AGENDA AND NOTE ON THE SUBJECTS ~~XX~~ TO BE DISCUSSED WILL FOLLOW.

REFUGEE

Address not to be telegraphed:

(Sudhir Ghosh)
Deputy Rehabilitation Adviser
Ministry of Rehabilitation

NEW DELHI.
16th August, 1949.

P.T.O.

CHIEF SECRETARY Genl Secy WBS GOVT. OF MYSORE
SECRETARY TO GOVT OF MYSORE No. Date

Appendix F. G.—1]

SUBJECT..... Most urgent 4 Copies

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Section

File No.

Serial No. 1575-6/46

No. Secret. one

To

1. The Chairman,
B'bay City I. Tr. Bd.
B'bay

2. The Chairman,
M. S. R. R. Co.
B'bay

Sir,

Subject: Conference at Delhi to discuss Refugee Housing Scheme

I am directed to forward herewith, a copy of telegram no RHB D/ 16.8.49 received from the G. of I. requesting to depute our ~~officers~~ delegates to attend the proposed

P. T. O

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

( )

the 19 .

Date of issue 23/8/49

Signed by.....

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WD 06171—GPB—30,000—4-6-49

Conference on
Housing Schemes to
be held at Delhi
on 30.8.49 & 31st.
Aug. 1949.

I am to request
you to furnish your
views about participating
in this proposed Conference,
and to request you to
intimate whether
the final Refugee Housing
Scheme
for Mysore is ready
and when it is proposed
to ~~start~~ forward the
same to Govt.

As a telegraphic reply
is due to the G. of I,
I request you to furnish
your views immediately.

22/8/49

For Chief Engineer.

22/8/49

22.8.49

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

MOST URGENT.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

Dated Bangalore, ... 194 .

22nd August

No 1575 /CME/

Ext. 76.

FROM

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

General /xxx

To

1) Chairman M.S.R.R.C.

2) — do — Bldg C.I.T. Bd.

SIR,

Subject:- Conference at Delhi to discuss Refugee Housing Scheme.

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of telegram No.RHB dated 16th August 1949 received from the Government of India requesting to depute our delegates to attend the proposed Conference on Housing Schemes to be held at Delhi on 30th August 1949 and 31st August 1949.

I am to request you to furnish your views about participating in this proposed Conference, and to request you to intimate whether the final Refugee Housing Scheme for Mysore is ready and when it is proposed to forward the same to Government.

As a telegraphic reply is due to the Government of India, I request you kindly to furnish your views immediately.

Yours faithfully,

o/c avr 22/8/49

General Secretary to Government.

avr/

C. F. No. 45]

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

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Telegram Address

OFFICE OF

Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee, Bangalore.

No. 240/49
Encls.

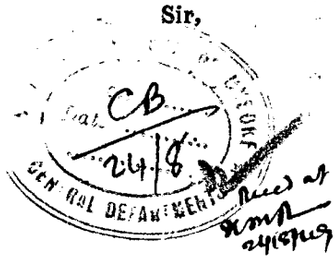
Date 24th August 1949.

To Most urgent

The Secretary to Government,

General Department, Bangalore.

Sir,



Subject: Participation at the Delhi Conference Refugee Housing Scheme.

Referring to your letter No. 1575/C.B. dated 22-8-49 forwarding a copy of the Government of India Telegram No. R.H.B dated 16-8-49 touching the subject referred to above and requesting me to furnish my views thereon, I write to say that in regard to Housing Scheme for Refugees a sum of Rs. 4,80,000/- as a first instalment has no doubt been sanctioned and that an ad-hoc meeting to be held on the 3rd proximo has been convened for finalising the scheme and arriving at the nearest cost that would require for the construction of houses. I however feel doubtful whether with the estimates now sent by this office in consultation with the officers of the Trust Board it could at all be possible to have the construction ~~of~~ as per plan put up therewith. I feel therefore that it would be more useful if the proposed meeting at Delhi had been much later than 3rd proximo instead of 30th and 31st instants as now scheduled.

However in my opinion it is very necessary that I as the Chairman should have gone to Delhi and participated in the deliberations, evincing keen interest as I am in the Refugee Housing Scheme. But I regret to plead my inability to attend the said Conference as my wife has very lately been administered with three major operations and my presence therefor is indispensable here now.

At any rate I am to suggest that the Joint Secretary who had recently been to Delhi on the very subject and negotiated

negotiated the grant of loan of Rs. 19,20,000/- for Housing Scheme (800 houses) together with Sri. K.R. Madhava Rao, who is the Member of the Housing (Refugee) Sub-Committee as also the Joint Secretary of the Mysore State Congress and the Chairman of the Transport ~~Committee~~ Company might best represent the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee to be deputed to Delhi to attend the Conference as their representation is very necessary

Further I am to add that Sri. R. Madhavan, B.E., Trust Board Engineer who has worked out a scheme for Housing the Refugees may as well be requested to accompany the Chief Engineer in this regard.

May I inform you that a meeting in the course of the next month will be summoned soon after the return of the delegates to the Conference and the Housing Scheme will be dealt with in fuller detail in accordance with the resolutions of the Conference.

Early reply is requested.

P.S. If they require official Memorandum I can be permitted to go

Yours Faithfully,

L. S. Venkaji Rao

CHAIRMAN,
Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee.

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No. 99/49-5
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OFFICE OF
Chairman,
City Improvement Trust Board,
BANGALORE.

Date 24th August 1949.

To

The Secretary to Government,
General Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

SECRETARIAT GOVT OF MYSORE
No. CB
Date 24/8/49
GENERAL DEPARTMENTS

SUBJECT: Conference at Delhi to discuss Refugee Housing Scheme.

With reference to your letter No. 1576/C.B.E.1 dated 22-8-49, I have the honour to state that it is very desirable and necessary that Mysore should be represented in this Conference at Delhi.

2. As to who should represent, and how many, the Government of India suggest that the Chief Engineer of the State may attend and he might bring with him such other Officers as he may consider desirable.

3. If it is intended by the Government to entrust the execution of the Refugee Housing Scheme to the Public Works Department, the Chief Engineer may be accompanied by the Executive Engineer, Buildings Division, who will be in direct charge. If the Government decides to entrust the work of constructions to the Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board, the Chief Engineer may be accompanied by the Engineer Officer of the Trust Board. The President or Secretary of the State Refugee Relief Committee may also be associated with the delegation. On account of the shortness of time, the journey has to be made by air.

4. With regard to the finalisation of the Refugee Housing Scheme adverted to in your letter, I have to bring to the notice of Government that as desired in the letter of the Chief Secretary's No.C469/C3. dated 21-4-1949, I convened a preliminary meeting of the Trust Board with representatives of the Refugees and the Mysore State Refugee Relief

Committee on 25-7-49, since no other date suitable to the several bodies could be secured earlier. At this meeting, which was well attended, I placed before them the draft scheme I had prepared and which I had already submitted to Government through the General Secretary in this office No. G.642/48-49 dated 14-5-49. I have ~~kkx~~ sent the Proceedings of the preliminary meeting held on 25-7-49 to the Chief Secretary in this office No.G.54/49-50 dated 30-7-49. I am enclosing another copy herewith.

5. As can be seen from the Proceedings, the meeting was not able to come to any decision as regards the Refugee Housing Scheme. After considerable discussion at the instance of Sri.L.S.Venkaji Rao, and Sri Ram Narayan Khillanam the meeting adopted the following resolution:-

> "RESOLVED that the consideration of allotment of sites and also the construction of buildings thereon be taken up after receipt of an advice of acceptance by the Government of India of their obligation in the matter of housing Refugees in the State."

6. Government have in the meantime directed that 200 sites should be reserved for Refugees in Jayanagar. The Board has accordingly reserved 200 sites specifying the sites of the following dimension:-

45' x 90'	..	50 sites.	)
40' x 60'	..	75 "	) spread over diffe
30' x 50'	..	75 "	) rent blocks.

The matter of paying the value of the sites has to be settled by Government. The price of these sites as sanctioned by Government comes to Rs.2,18,225/-.

7. It is understood that the Government of India have granted a loan of Rs.4,80,000/- for putting up buildings for the Refugees. It is not known on what basis, this sum has been sanctioned and how many houses are proposed to be constructed from this amount. This

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may be utilised to put up houses in the sites reserved by the Trust Board, the work being distributed among various contractors after calling for tenders.

8. The repayment of the value of the houses that may be built may be spread over 20 years, on the basis of equated payments, the house being taken as security for the loan. There may be a uniform procedure followed in this regard in all Provinces and States. There is no need for any variation ~~of~~ between one part of India and another since the problem is a common one.

9. The immediate requirements are:-

(1) The securing of cement and steel that is required.

(2) Adequate supply of petrol to feed the lorries etc., that will be engaged.

(3) Supply of Road Rollers to put up quickly the roads in the area of the extensions.

(4) The supply of G.I. and C.I. Pipes at controlled rates for installing water supply systems.

10. It is learnt that a scheme of building houses at a cost of Rs.2,400/- each has been put forwardand that this sum of Rs.4,80,000/- is to cover the cost of 200 such houses. This may be taken as only an instalment. If sufficient funds are made available, a number of houses of the 'C' and 'D' type for the better class of Refugees may also be built up on the same principles.

11. Sometime ago, I was informed that a meeting would be called to consider Refugee Housing, at which the Hon'ble the Chief Minister and the Hon'ble the Minister for Home would be present. Such a meeting which may perhaps be attended by the Hon'ble the Finance Minister also is very urgently necessary, since I feel that in a

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larger meeting of the kind convened here, it is found that it is difficult to arrive at final decisions.

Yours faithfully,

C.N. Narasimha Rao

CHAIRMAN,
C.I. Trust Board.

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Proceedings of the meeting of the Members of the Trust Board, Representatives of the Refugees and the Central Refugees Relief Committee, held in the office of the City Improvement Trust Board, on 25-7-1949 at 5 P.M.

PRESENT:-

Sri. G.N. Narasinga Rao, B.A., B.L.,
Chairman.

Members:-

1. Dr. T. Chandrasekharaiya, D.Sc., M.B.B.S., M.P.H.
Director of Public Health.

2. Sri. D.R. Kattanna, B.A., LL.B.,
3. Sri. T. Anantaraman, B.Sc., LL.B.,
4. Sri. C.J. Devadoss.
5. Sri. K. Narayana, B.A., B.L.,
6. Sri. R. Madhavan, B.E., Engineer Officer.

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7. Dharmaprakasha Sri. L.G. Venkaji Rao,
Chairman, Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee

8. Mrs. Lakshmi P. Krishnappa, B.A., L.T.,
Joint Secretary, Refugee Relief Committee.

9. Mrs. A.S.D. Dhari.

10. Sri. Ramnarayan Chellaram, B.A.,
President, Sindhi Refugee Association.

11. Sri. G.B. Bilani, Secretary, Sindhi
Refugee Association.

12. Sri. R. Hiranand, Secretary, Sindhi Merchants
Association.

13. Sri. T. Bhagavandas, Joint Secretary, Do.

14. Sri. Lavaram V. Advani, Sindhi Merchants Assn.

15. Sri. H. Kapur.

16. Sri. P.R.Jivatram, President, Sindhi
Refugee Union.
17. Sri. Khoobchand Madhavdas, Member, Sindhi
Refugee Union.
18. Sri. J.P. Dhollan, Member, Do.

19. Sri. Lal M. Taliebamani, Assistant Secretary,
Sindhi Refugee Union.

20. Sri. K.N. Madhava Rao.
21. Sri. M. Subbanna, President, City Municipal
Council, Bangalore.

ABSENT:-

1. The Consulting Architect.
2. The Municipal Commissioner, Bangalore City.
3. The Chief Engineer for Roads & Buildings.
4. Dharmaprakasha Sri. M.V. Veerappa.
5. Sri. R. Poojidaliah.

The Chairman of the Trust Board opened the proceedings. He offered a sincere and cordial welcome to all who had kindly responded to the Notice calling for the meeting. The meeting had been called at the instance of Government in pursuance of their letter No.8469/G.B. dated the 21st April 1949. The meeting had to be called on a day suitable to all parties and after correspondence with the various organisations.

The Chairman read the letter of Government setting forth the terms of reference as it were to this meeting. He further brought to the notice of the members present, the communication dated 14-10-48 from the Government of India addressed to all Provincial Governments in the matter of priorities in the disposal of housing sites to the refugees. He also stated that he had sent up to Government originally a scheme for building 1050 houses at a cost of R.51 lakhs with the plans, designs and detailed estimates giving all the particulars required by the Government in their letter referred to above. The scheme could be modified in respect of the number of houses to be put up, to the actual needs. He placed the plans and estimates on the table for the information of the members present.

He also stated that Government had directed that 200 sites should be reserved for refugees and in the matter of setting apart of these 200 sites, the Trust Board would probably take up the position that they would have to be made good the value of the sites since the scheme of the layout which they were planning were on a self-supporting basis and any large scale free grants would totally upset the financial balance of their schemes. The Board would be governed by such directions as might be given by Government in this regard.

Taking that 200 sites were available, the next point was for the meeting to consider how best the priorities in regard to their allotment among refugees could be worked out and that comprehensive scheme could be adopted for submission to Government. The matter could be sifted and Members could kindly give their opinion. If necessary, another meeting could be called to finalise proposals after preliminary discussion at this meeting.

The Chairman then requested Dharmaprakasha Sri. L.S. Venkaji Rao, Chairman of the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee to address the meeting giving his opinions, which were sure to be a valuable contribution towards the solutions of the very intricate and difficult questions.

Sri. L.S. Venkaji Rao speaking next stated that it seemed to him that the position of the Trust Board was clear in this regard. They had laid out the Extension and were prepared to reserve 200 sites. But, the value of the sites had either to be made good by the Government of India or the Government of Mysore in such manner as may be decided. Apart from the question of payment of the site value, there was the question of financing the Housing Scheme itself, which was going up several lakhs of rupees i.e., in the region of a half a crore of rupees. This could only be taken up on a higher level and once the question of financing was settled, the rest could be solved. As regards the matter of financing, the matter had to be discussed between the Central Refugee Committee and the Government. Then, as regards the question of priorities mentioned by the Chairman of the Trust Board, there could be no difficulty in working this out.

He wanted clarification as to sites that may be available in other areas apart from Jayanagar and if the Trust Board had the necessary staff to go on with the Housing Construction.

Sri. H. Kapoor addressed the meeting next.

He stated that no full and comprehensive scheme had yet been prepared with details of places where Housing area could be reserved. The only place now under discussion was the Jayanagar area, which was far away. There should be other places in other localities and a full Scheme should be placed before the meeting as a result of these preliminary discussions. He, for one, would encourage the idea of working out the Scheme on the priority basis, and if such of the refugees who could afford to build for themselves could be given sites, quite to a certain extent, the scarcity of housing in the City would get relieved and others who had no homes at all could take up those places. In his opinion, the full picture should be available before further action could be taken, including the question of financial help that would be forthcoming from the Government of India in this regard. Further, he stated that there were refugees other than Sindhis like Punjabi refugees. Their cases had to be considered.

He disclosed that he had been to Delhi recently and from the discussion there, he was optimistic that financial help would be forthcoming from the Government of India.

Sri Ramnarayan Chelleram next addressed the meeting. He gave a moving picture of the plight of refugees in Bangalore, and stated that so far, very little had been done. Many refugees though they could not afford it at all, had in desperation applied for sites to the Trust Board in printed forms of the Board, making the necessary deposits of 12½% by selling their household articles though they could not afford to pay. The feeling that the refugees were well to do was not correct and he urged that the main basis for any scheme was to proceed with the fundamental truth that 99% of the refugees could not buy sites and build at their own cost and any scheme to be really successful and helpful should consist of undertaking the immediate building operations through such Agencies as the Government direct and make these houses available to the refugees on the easiest possible terms.

Sri. Ramnarayan further stated that finance was the main bottle-neck and that had to be tackled. It was therefore first and foremost necessary to know, how far the Central Government and the Mysore Government were prepared to help.

As regards the Trust Board, the position was fairly clear and that as per Government Order, they could make the sites available. As for building on those sites, it was a matter to be settled by Government.

Sri. Ram Narayan, then said that there was a slight difference in the position of the refugees who came to India before August 1947 and those who came after partition. The latter were actually destitute, and had to be helped, while the former were only slightly better.

This meeting which had been convened at the instance of Government was to give a Comprehensive Scheme, including all the aspects of the question of housing the refugees, and not merely to discuss the allotment of sites in Jayanagar or elsewhere.

Shri. D.V. Puttanna, speaking next, stated that there was a distinction between an Evacuee and a Refugee and they had to know who among the refugees were evacuees and who bonafide refugees. So far as the Trust Board was concerned and he, as its member, felt that while the Board could grant the sites according to the Government Order, the further schemes had to be formulated after knowing all the details from the representatives of the various Refugee Organizations and also the financial position of the individual Refugee or Evacuee as the case may be.

The representatives of the Sindhi Merchants Association stated that the position of the Evacuees was not very different from the refugees. Many of them though they had come before August 1947, had lost most of their possessions and trade in Pakistan and were now suffering about without business or shelter. They pressed that it was necessary that places should be found for them in other localities in addition to Jayanagar. They informed the meeting that they had formed and registered a Co-operative Society and also a Housing Society to help them to meet the situation.

Shri. Makhija, a refugee, then addressed the meeting and stated that immediate relief was necessary and time was not going to be wasted on thinking of schemes for a long time. There was no use giving sites for some of those among them who were able to build. But, the larger question has to be tackled. The refugees were desperate. The matter had to be taken up at Government level between the local Government, the Government of India and the State Refugee Relief Organisation.

Shri. K. Madhavan, Engineer Member of the Board, reading the letter of Government, stated that it was clear from the letter under reference that Government wanted a comprehensive scheme to be put up by the meeting and had indicated the lines of this scheme and it had to be formulated. He further elucidated the details of the draft scheme sent to Government.

Shri. P.R. Kadhava Rao speaking next stated that it was necessary that information should be placed before the meeting (a) as to the number of refugees in the City (b) those among them that could afford to build for themselves (c) Those who wanted partial help only (d) Those who were totally helpless. He wanted also that information should be available of any schemes which had been formulated by the Refugee Organization and also the Trust Board.

All these should be made available at the next meeting.

The Chairman of the Trust Board at this stage said that as a result of these full discussions, a clarification of the position was necessary.

The Board had now been directed by Government to reserve 300 sites in Jayanagar area and as regards sites in other areas, it was to be considered separately. The other areas where perhaps some sites could be made available was the Housing area of the Industrial Suburb.

Secondly, as regards payment to the Board for the sites in Jayanagar, the Board had spent merely in acquiring this area and the layout had been worked out on a self-supporting basis. The matter of making these available on a specific terms as regards instalments etc., could perhaps be taken up provided the payment by instalments were backed up by sufficient guarantees.

As regards the Comprehensive Scheme, as he had stated already, full particulars with detailed estimates had been furnished to the Government under Rs.51 lakhs scheme sent up.

The method of working this up would be first to secure the finances from the Government of India which should be distributed among the Refugees, through Co-operative Societies or a Finance Corporation.

If the Scheme as put forward was sanctioned together with the proposed necessary staff included in the scheme, there would be no difficulty in entrusting the construction either to the Trust Board or to such other agencies as the Government could decide.

Next, steps should be taken to get necessary priorities for building materials, like cement and steel.

In the Scheme that he had sent to Government, different types of houses to suit different income groups had been included. It was a comprehensive Scheme. Once the finances were forthcoming and the building construction taken up, the method of disposal, the guarantees of repayment of the cost of the houses in easy instalments could all be tackled on the same principles as were adopted elsewhere in India, in Madras and Bombay.

As regards priorities in the allotment of sites, he was of the definite view that those among these persons whether Evacuee or Refugee who could afford to build for themselves may immediately begiven the sites. This did not mean at all that the case of those others, who were totally helpless, would not be considered. However, the allotment to persons who could build, need not wait the finalisation of comprehensive schemes which might take some time. Why should these persons be denied the relief, which in no way affected the rest? This would also be strictly in accordance with the directions of the Government of India.

Sri. L.S. Venkaji Rao, in further eludidation of the facts as they existed stated, that the State Central Refugee Committee had formulated certain definite proposals and had sent them to the Chief Minister who he expected would have had high level discussions in Delhi. Their definite Scheme was estimated then at ~~as~~ about Rs.40 lakhs. He expected the Chief Minister on his return from Delhi would be able to clarify many of these points. In his opinion, it was necessary that the position depended on the financial help the Government of India was prepared to render.

He was also of the view that in regard to the allotment of sites, the applications received in the Trust Board should be sent to the State Refugee Committee for certificates, if they were registered refugees and the allotment could be made on this basis. He also suggested that all the matters may wait till the Chief Minister returned from Delhi.

The meeting then, at the instance of Sri.L.S. Venkaji Rao and Sri. Ramaraayan Mallaram adopted the following resolution:

"It is resolved that the consideration of allotment of sites and also construction of the buildings thereon be taken up after receipt of an advice of acceptance by the Government of India of their obligations in the matter of housing refugees in the State."

The meeting then was then dissolved at 8 P.M.

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CHAIRMAN. 24.8.49

EXPRESS TELEGRAM.

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NEW DELHI

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MEMO.

Post copy in confirmation is fd.w/c.to

1) TheSecy. to Govt. of India, Ministry of Rehabilitation, N.
2) -do- Ministry of States. New Delhi.
3) The Chairman, M.S.R.R.C. with the covering letter.
4) -do- C.I.T.B. -do-
5) Copy fd. to Jt.Secy.MS.R.R.C. for necsy further action in the mater.

Genl.Secretary.

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General & Revenue Secretariat,
Bangalore, Dated 25th August '49.

Hon. Ramakrishnaraja
For General Secretary to Government.

25/8/49

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General & Revenue Secretariat,
Bangalore, Dated 25th August '49.

Memo No. 1678-79/C.B.

Post copy in confirmation is forwarded with compliments to:-

(1) The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Rehabilitation, New Delhi.

(2) The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of States New Delhi.

(3) The Chairman, Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee, Bangalore with the covering letter.

(4) The Chairman, City Improvement Trust Board, Bangalore, with the Covering letter.

Copy forw arded to the Joint Secretary, Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee, for necessary further action in the matter.

~~General Secretary to Government.~~

Asst - Ramakrishnaiya
for Genl. Secy to Govt.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. 16894/CS F1
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Dated, Bangalore, 25 - 8 - *194*9

FROM

General.

The ~~Chief~~ Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Chairman,
Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

Subject:- Delhi Conference to discuss Refugee Housing Scheme.

With reference to your letter No.249/49 dated 24-8-1949 I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the telegram sent to the Government of India, intimating that 4 members of the Mysore Delegation are participating in the ensuing conference, to be held on 30th and 31st August 1949. I am to state that the T.A. charges may be debited in the first instance to the Refugee Relief Fund, and adjusted later on if the Government of India meet the same. I am to request that you may kindly make it convenient to attend the Conference if circumstances permit. You may kindly intimate the Government of India direct by telegram about the exact date of arrival at Delhi, of the Mysore Delegation.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- MIR SAFDAR HUSSAIN.

~~Secy~~ General Secretary to Govt.

p.t.o.

Memo No. 1683-84/CB

Dated, 25th August 1949.

Copy of the foregoing is forwarded with compliments to the Chairman, City Improvement Trust Board, Bangalore, with the request to kindly intimate the Trust Board Engineer.

Copy to Joint Secretary, Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee, Bangalore for necessary action.

for General Secretary to Govt.

No 1751
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D/1/9/49-Cons.

To,

The Comptroller to Govt.

Sir,

Subject: Conference at Delhi on 30th. and 31st. Aug. 1949 to discuss Refugee Housing Scheme: T.A. Charges.

I am directed to forward copies of telegram D/25.8.49 and letter no 1682/CRS D/25.8.49 addressed to the Chairman, M.S.R.R.C. Madras on the subject noted above.

I am to state that Govt. have approved that the T.A. Charges by Air to Delhi and back and the D.A. be debited to the Refugee Fund in the first instance, and adjusted later on, if the Govt. of I. meet the same. Only the following three delegates attended the Conference

1) Lieut. P.R. Kaimuffee
Th. Leg M.S.R.R.C.
2) Lt. K.R. Madhava Rao
Member, M.S.R.R.C.
3) Lt. R. Madhavan, Engineer Officer, C.I.T. Bd.

Memo 1751-1752 dtd 31/8/49

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is forwarded w/c to

1. The Chairman, M.R.R.C. Bd

No 1751 /CBE

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The Comptroller to Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Subject:- Conference at Delhi on 30th and 31st August 1949, to discuss Refugee Housing Scheme - T.A. CHARGES.

I am directed to forward copies of telegram dated 25th August 1949 and letter No.1682/C.B. dated 25th August 1949 addressed to the Chairman, Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee, Bangalore, on the subject noted above.

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1. Srimathi Lakshmi P. Krishnappa, Joint Secretary, Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee;
2. Sri K.R. Madhava Rao, Member, Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee;
3. Sri R. Madhavan, Engineer Officer, City Improvement Trust Board.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- MIR SAFDAR HUSSAIN.

General Secretary to Government.

MEMO No. 1751 - 1752/CB, Dated, the 1st September 1949.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to:

1. The Chairman, Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee, Bangalor
2. The Chairman, City Improvement Trust Board, Bangalore.

O/c SMR 1.9.49

By Order General Secretary to Govt.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. 2599/GB. *Dated, Bangalore,* 20th Sept *1949*

FROM General
The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Joint Secretary,
Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee,
Bangalore.

Madam,

Subject: Conference held at Delhi for discussing Housing Scheme.

With reference to your letter No.330 dated 8-9-49 forwarding a report about the above Conference, I am directed to request you to forward a copy of the proceedings of that meeting if the same is available with you.

Yours faithfully,

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20/9/49

General Secretary to Government.

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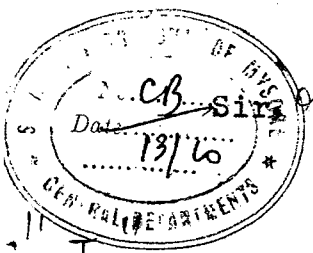
No: 456

Office of the Secretary,
Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee,
Bangalore, dated 11th Oct. 49.

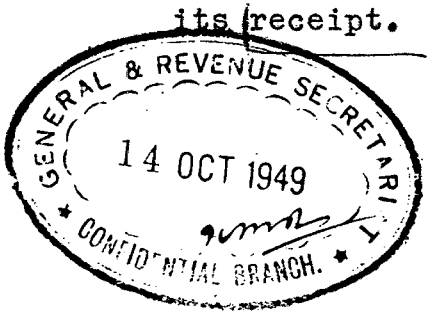
To

The Secretary to Government,
General Department, Bangalore.



Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 2599/C.B. dated 20-9-49, requesting for a copy of the proceedings of the Conference held at Delhi for discussing Housing Scheme, I have the honour to state that Sri. Sudhir Ghosh, New Delhi, has been ~~addressed~~ requested to send a copy of the proceedings, and that the same will be submitted to you soon after its receipt.



Yours faithfully,
Kausley P. Krishnappa
12/10/49

Secretary,
Mysore State Refugee Relief
Committee. Bangalore.

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No. F.6(45)-R/49 Dated New Delhi, the 4th/7th November 1949.

From

The Under Secretary to the
Government of India, Ministry of States.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject:- Engineers' Conference.

I am directed to forward a copy of the Ministry of Rehabilitation's letter No. RHB.157/49, dated October 15, 1949 with enclosures.

Yours faithfully,

Under Secretary
to the Government of India.

ANAND/-

No: RHB/157/49
Government of India,
Ministry of Rehabilitation,

New Delhi, the 15th October, 1949.

From: Shri Sudhir Ghosh, M.A. (Cantab),
Deputy Rehabilitation Adviser &
Ex-Officio Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Rehabilitation,

To: All Provincial Governments.

Sub: Engineers' Conference.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose, for the information of the Provincial Government, a copy of the proceedings of the Conference of Engineers held on the 30th & 31st August, 1949 at New Delhi under the auspices of this Ministry. The recommendation made by the Conference are under consideration of the Government and a further communication will be sent in this behalf in due course.

Yours faithfully,

(Sudhir Ghosh)
Deputy Rehabilitation Adviser &
Ex-Officio Deputy Secretary to the
Government of India,

Copy forwarded to:-

1. Ministry of States with 25 spare copies for circulation to all the Unions & States.

2. All Ministries of the Govt. of India.

(Sudhir Ghosh)
Deputy Rehabilitation Adviser &
Ex-Officio Deputy Secretary to the
Government of India,

Proceedings of the Engineers' Conference held on the 30th and 31st August 1949 in the Council House, New Delhi under the auspices of the Ministry of Rehabilitation.

The following were present:-

Name.	Designation.	Province
1. Shri T.C.Gue	Chief Engineer	Vindya Pradesh.
2. Col. N.S.Bhagat	—	U.P.
3. Shri S.M.Dudani	Dy. Secretary	Saurashtra
4. Shri V. Ramanathan	Revenue Commissioner	Orissa
5. Shri A.P.Sinha	Suptd. of Evacuees, Orissa	Orissa
6. Shri H.H.Banerji	Research Officer, Buildings, Ministry of Railways	Delhi
7. Shri B.D.Nanda	Chief Engineer	Nilokheri
8. Shri J.S.Sethi	S.E.Public Health	East Punjab
9. Shri P.L.Varma	Chief Engineer (Dev)	"
10. Shri S.R.Mehta	Superg. Engr. (Dev)	"
11. Shri R.N.Dogra	Under Secretary (Dev)	"
12. Shri K.Mahalu	S.E.,Rehabilitation,CPWD	Government of
13. Shri S.N.Sapru	Chairman, Delhi Improvement Trust	Delhi
14. Shri S.K.Joglekar	Town Planner, CPWD	Govt. of India
15. Shri Kishorilal	Chief Engineer	Rajasthan
16. Shri C.B.Desai	Executive Engineer	"
17. Shri K.M.Kantawala	Asst.Housing Commissioner	Bombay
18. Shri T.C.Kantawala	Housing Commissioner	"
19. Shri P.R.Nayak	Rehabilitation Dept	"
20. Shri P.K.Batra	Dy. Chief Engineer	C.P. & Berar
21. Shri S.P.Chaube	Provincial Rehabilitation Officer	-do-
22. Shri Ragho Raj Singh	Secretary, Rehabilitation Deptt.	C.P.Govt.
23. Shri H.Banerji	Secretary, Refugee Rehabilitation Deptt.	West Bengal
24. Shri S.Bandopadhaya	Special Engineer, Construction Board	-do-
25. Shri V.R.Bhatnagar	Divl. Engineer	Rajasthan
26. Shri V.G.Apte	Housing Commissioner	Madhya Bharat
27. Sardar Raghbir Singh	Chief Engineer	Patiala & East Punjab States' Union.

Name	Designation	Province
28. Sardar Natha Singh Jaspal	Rehabilitation Secretary	Patiala & East Punjab States' Union
29. Shri R. Madhavan	Engineer Officer, City Improvement Trust Board	Mysore State
30. Srimati Lakshmi Krishnappa	Secy. Refugee Relief Committee	-do-
31. Shri K.R. Madhava Rao	Member, State Refugee Relief Committee	-do-
32. Shri S.N.Ray	Secretary, Rehabilitation Dept.	Bihar
33. Shri M.S.Bisht	Chief Engineer, P.W.D.	U.P.
34. Sardar Harcharan Singh	Minister, Rehabilitation	PEPSU
35. Dr. O.H.Koenigsberger	Director of Housing, Ministry of Health	Govt. of India
36. Shri L.R.Kashyap	E.E. P.W.D.	U.P.
37. Shri R.S.Hingrani	Adviser, Pratapnagar	Udaipur.

The Hon'ble Minister for Rehabilitation, Government of India welcomed the delegates to the Conference and briefly placed before them the various difficulties that had been impeding the progress of the refugee housing schemes, which had been brought to his notice during the recent tours in the Provinces. He had felt that it would be best to consider all these points at a Conference of the Engineers and other officers of the Provinces and States who were dealing with the problem of the housing of displaced persons. It was for this reason that he had called the Conference.

Mr. P.L.Varma, Chief Engineer, Development, East Punjab, Mr. P.R.Nayak and Mr. Kantawala representing the Bombay Government, Mr. Ragh Raj Singh from the Central Provinces and Mr. Bandopadhyay from West Bengal, Mr. M.S.Bisht, Chief Engineer, U.P., Mr. H.H.Banerji of the Railway Board, Mr. Bhatia of the Central P.W.D., Mr. Dadani from Sowrashtra and Mrs. Krishnappa from Mysore made brief statements giving a picture of the housing programmes of their respective organizations and made suggestions.

3. It was agreed that these suggestions should be considered by sub-committees of the Conference and that the Conference as a whole should take decisions on the recommendations of the sub-committees at a meeting which might be held in the afternoon of the second day. The Conference appointed the following Sub-Committees:-

Sub-Committee I: A Central Clearing House of Information.

Convener: Dr. O.H.Koenigsberger

Members:
1. Mr. Hingurani – Udaipur
2. Mr. V.G.Apte – Madhya Bharat
3. Mr. Nanda – Nilokheri
4. Mr. Bandopadhyay – West Bengal
5. Mr. S.N.Roy – Bihar.

The terms of reference of the sub-committee were to make recommendations in regard to the setting up of a Central Clearing House of Information, collect results on the experiments in Housing in various Provinces and States and make available these results to other Provinces and States.

Sub-Committee II A Costs & Materials.

Convener: Mr. P.L.Varma – East Punjab Government

Members:
1. Mr. H.H.Baherjee – Railway Board
2. Mr. Kantawalla – Bombay
3. Mr. P.K.Batra – C.P.
4. Mr. Madhavan – Mysore
5. Mr. Kashyap – U.P.

The terms of reference of this sub-committee were to make recommendations to the Conference in regard to the methods by which the cost of construction of houses for the displaced persons might be reduced to a minimum either by the use of new materials or by the avoidance of materials in short supply.

Sub-Committee II B. Minimum Standards.

Convener: Mr. Joglekar

Members:
1. Mr. Ramanathan – Orissa
2. Mr. Chobe – U.P.
3. Mr. Kishorilal – Rajasthan
4. Mr. Gue – Vindhya Pradesh
5. Mr. Bandopadhyay – West Bengal
6. Sardar Raghbir Singh – PEPSU
7. Mr. Sethi – East Punjab
8. Mr. Dogra – East Punjab.

The terms of reference of the Sub-Committee were to report about the minimum standards to be adopted in the construction of houses for displaced persons.

The Conference considered that the work of the Sub-Committees II A and IIB was complementary to each other and they might therefore have a joint Meeting before making final recommendations to the Conference.

Sub-Committee III: Finance, Agency and Employment of refugees through building programmes.

Convener:	Mr. P.R.Nayak	– Bombay
Members :	1. Mr. H. Banerjee	– West Bengal
	2. Col. Bhagat	– U.P.
	3. Mr. Nanda	– Nilokheri
	4. Mr. Bhatnagar	– Rajasthan
	5. Mr. Dantyagi	– Rehabilitation Ministry
	6. Mr. Dudani	– Sourashtra
	7. Mr. Varma	– East Punjab.
	8. Mr. Raghu Raj Singh	– C.P.

The terms of reference of the Sub-Committee were to make recommendations as to how best the huge construction programme for the housing of displaced persons could be financed. They were to examine the possibilities of utilising private finance in addition to funds made available by Government. The Sub-Committee were also to make recommendations about the agency that might be employed for construction works by means of which the employment of the maximum number of refugees might be secured. They were also to consider the question of securing the services of technical personnel for the execution of schemes.

It was decided that the Sub-Committees should meet at 3 p.m. on the 30th August 1949 and at 10 a.m. on the 31st August 1949 in the Council House and report to the General Conference at 4 p.m. on the 31st August, 1949.

The General Conference met at 4 p.m. on the 31st August, 1949 as decided and considered the following reports submitted by the Committees:-

SUBCOMMITTEE 1.

Recommendations of the Sub Committee on Co-ordination.

The Committee discussed and recognised the need for assistance of exchanging experiences between the various Provinces and States among themselves and between these Provinces and States and the Centre.

The following arrangement was suggested :-

(A). There should be a Central Agency in the Ministry of Rehabilitation to act as clearing house for information. This Agency would best be located in the Office of the Technical Adviser to the Ministry of Rehabilitation. It would be the duty of the Central Agency to collect facts and figures from the Provinces and print them in the form of monthly bulletin which would then again be made available to all Officers concerned with Rehabilitation in the Provinces and States.

(B). The responsibility of supplying information in the Provinces and States should rest with the Secretaries of the respective Rehabilitation Departments.

(C). The following information should be collected and supplied:

(I). Information on the progress of the various Housing schemes sub-divided under the following headings :-

(a) Initiations of Housing schemes.
(b) Preparation of projects (including estimates)
(c) Sanction of projects.
(d) Acquisition of land.
(e) Provision of scarce materials.
(f) Fixing of contracts.
(g) Actual construction.
(h) Allotment of houses
(j) Collection of returns.

(2). Agency responsible for sponsoring of Housing schemes.

(3). Agency responsible for the execution of Housing schemes.

(4). Method of financing the Housing Schemes.

(5). Type of construction.

(6). No., size, and type of buildings.

(7). Terms of allotment and expriences with rent collection.

(8). Type of lay-out.

(9). Services provided.

(10). Cost of projects sub divided in :-

(a) Building,
(b) Land,
(c) Development
(d) Services

(11). New construction methods.

(12). Information on needs for staff and available staff.

(13). Information on requirements of tools and plants.

(14). Information on schemes for distribution of materials to private builders and safeguards against blackmarketing.

(15). Information on standard sizes adopted for essential parts of buildings.

(D). The above information should be collected and edited in the form of a monthly bulletin if possible with plans and lay-out sketches.

(E). This exchange of information should be supplmented by periodical meetings of Officers concerned with Housing in all Provinces and States.

(F). The Ministry of Rehabilitation should appoint as part of the proposed Central Agency an Officer whose duty it would be to travel around advising the Provinces, collecting information and assisting generally for liaison work.

(O.H.Koenigsberger)
31.8.1949.

SUB-COMMITTEE II A.

Report of the Committee appointed to find ways and means of reducing cost of construction and materials and to make suggestions for the economical utilisation of materials available in the country. Dated the 31st August, 1949 - New Delhi.

Committee consisted of the following members:-

1. Shri P.L.Varma, Chief Engineer, East Punjab (Convener)
2. Shri K.M.Kantawala, Assistant Housing Commissioner, Bombay.
3. Shri N.R. Ramchandani, Chief Engineer, Sindhu Resettlement Corpn Ltd., Kandla (Kutch).
4. Shri B.S.Dhami, Staff Officer (II), E in C's Branch, Army H.Q., New Delhi.
5. Shri L.R. Kashyap, Executive Engineer, U.P.P.W.D. B/R, Lucknow.
6. Shri H.H.Banerji, Research Officer, Ministry of Railways, New Delhi.
7. Shri R. Madhran, Engineer Officer, City Improvement Trust Board, Bangalore.
8. Shri R.K.Batra, Deputy Chief Engineer, C.P. & Berar.
9. Shri S.R.Mehra, Superintending Engineer, East Punjab.

The Committee considered the available conventional as well as unconventional methods of construction and recommend as follows:-

1. CONVENTIONAL METHODS.

1. Concrete foundations. The problem of foundations will vary from locality to locality depending upon the nature of the carrying capacity of the soil, but for average conditions it is suggested that the thickness of concrete in foundations should only be confined to that necessary for a levelling course. Thickness varying according to the safe load carrying capacity of the soil.

2. Masonry in foundations. Width of stone masonry in foundations should be reduced to 15" and of brick masonry to 1½ brick thick and to obtain the plinth offset if necessary joint should be fattened.

The plinth to be 9" to 12" above finished ground level; In exceptional circumstances higher plinths may be justified. Wherever local conditions are favourable foundation masonry may be in mud.

3. Super-structure. Outer walls and cross walls to be 9" in thickness in lime upto 12' height or 13½" in mud. In the latter case jambs etc. may also be built in mud only the hold fasts to be laid in cement masonry and so also cills of windows. All doors and window openings up to 4' should be spanned by flat arches

except in earth-quake area. Beyond 4' reinforced brick lintels should be used. Partition walls, if of non-load bearing type may be 9" thick in mud or 4½" thick laid in cement mortar. In sloping roof construction they lay out of the rooms should be such that the longer dimension is parallel to the ridge in order to economise in masonry. In verandahs where masonry pillars are used, openings to be spanned by arches.

4. Roofing. In sloping roof construction the height of the caves on the verandah side should be 7' above the finished floor level and roofs slopes to a pitch of 1 in 2½ or at 30°. In Manglâre tile roof construction the normal spacing of common rafters is 18" and this should be increased to 24" centre to centre. In flat roof construction the roof height should be 10 to 11 feet, depending on the locality. Reinforced concrete should only be utilised where justified. Reinforced brick work should be preferred to reinforced concrete wherever good quality bricks are available.

5. Damp Proof Course. - Where necessary, this should be ½" cement plaster at ground level on the exterior wall and at plinth level on the inner walls with cement bricks at the juctions of the cross walls. (A sketch will be supplied).

6. Floors. In general the floors should be ½" to ¾" cement plaster 1 to 3 on 3" of bricks laid dry on 4" sand, the brick joints and toppings to be laid monolithically, alternatively 1" to 1½" topping of cement concrete may be laid on 4½" concrete or brick bats. The topping will be of 1: 2 : 4 cement concrete.

7. Doors and Windows. It is recommended that for all doors and windows chowkets may be completely eliminated and a thin frame giving a rebate of ½" for windows and ¾" for doors beyond the plaster face should be sufficient. Wherever necessary simple grill work with thinner sections of steel may be provided instead of iron bars in order to economise in the quantity of steel.

The above recommendations are mainly for one storey structures except where they can be adopted for multi-buildings without affecting structural stability.

II. UNCONVENVIONAL METHODS.

Super Structure.

1. (a) Cement soil stablized earth rammed in shuttering is recommended for adoption in permanent structures for walls where local soil conditions are favourable and trained personnel and facilities for testing are available. It

is economical as compared with the conventional brick construction. These walls will require finishing plaster on both sides. Training facilities are available and can be provided by the East Punjab Government.

(b) Block construction. Block construction may be adopted wherever it is found to be more economical.

2. Hollow concrete blocks giving an 8" wall consisting of 1 cement : 8 sand) prepared in standard vibrating pressing machines may be used to supplement brick construction. These blocks should be laid in 1 : 3 cement mortar. They do not require plaster either on the inside or on the outside. Partitions may be of 4" blocks of same pattern.

3. Pre-cast reinforced concrete columns and panels construction with pre-cast concrete roof may be adopted wherever conditions are favourable. (Designs will be made available later).

4. Pre-fabricated houses produced as a mass scale as is being done in New Delhi and where a fairly large concentration of housing has to be catered for is a very economiaal construction and is recommended for adoption.

5. In places where sand and lime are available at economical rates, ordinary brick can be replaced by sand-lime bricks. These bricks have to be machine manufactured.

6. In localities where wood is cheaper and is available in abundance, it should replace brick construction. In such cases fire resisting covering and treatment of timber is essential.

7. Roofing. Experiments with pre-cast cinder concrete (1 : 2½ : 5) have been successfully carried out by the Ministry of Railways which may with advantage be tried elsewhere. In place of cinder any other suitable graded aggregate may be substituted. (Plans with details will be supplied later).

8. Hollow concrete block, R.C.C. ribbed construction which economises greatly in steel may be adopted instead of R.C.C.

9. In place of sloping asbestos or tile roof construction a sloping roof with pre-cast R.C.C. slabs supported on wooden purlins may be used - local conditions permitting. The designs will be made available later.

IV. General Remarks. The Committee is strongly of the opinion that basic cost of materials must be reduced if economy is to be achieved. In order to do so, it is recommended that :-

1. Lime should be produced in fairly large quantities in each province preferably in Government-owned Kilns.

2. Installation on an extensive scale of crusing plants for the production of stone ballast of various grades will considerably reduce the cost of this material.

3. Road transport costs are extremely high at present and can be considerably reduced by proper organisation of vehicles to handle specific type of material at loading and unloading ends.

4. Cement concrete mixing plants in small units for small works and batching plants for heavy construction will further reduce the cost.

5. Delay in arranging controlled commodities adds to the cost of construction. It is essential that with the sanctioning of a scheme necessary permits and transport facilities may also be provided.

6. In concentrated developments it would be economical to instal a complete wood-working plant to manufacture doors, windows and other wood work on a large scale. The same remarks apply to iron-mongery.

SUB-COMMITTEE II B.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON MINIMUM STANDARD OF ACCOMMODATION.

Members of the Sub-Committee:-

(1)	Ramanathan	Orissa	Revenue Commissioner
(2)	T.C.Kantawala	Bombay	Housing Commissioner
(3)	C.D.Desai	Jodhpur, Rajasthan.	
(4)	J.S.Sethi	E.P.	S.E. Public Health.
(5)	Kishorilal	Rajasthan	C.E.(PWD)
(6)	S.P.Chaube	C.P. Berar	Rehabilitation Officer.
(7)	Raghbir Singh	PEPSU	C.E.
(8)	T.C.Gue	Vindhya Pradesh Rewa	C.E.
(9)	S.Bandopadhyay	West Bengal	Special Enginee
(10)	R.N.Dogra	Govt. of E.P.	Under Secretary.
(11)	S.K.Joglekar	Govt. of India C.P.W.D.	Town Planner (Convener)

TERMS OF REFERENCE.

To consider the item No.4 in the general agenda in regard to the laying down of minimum standard for refugee housing schemes. These were as follows:-

(1) DENSITY.

(2) ROAD SECTIONS.

(3) FLOOR AREA AND PLINTH AREA OF HOUSES AND ROOMS.

(4) WATER SUPPLY.

(5) SEWAGE AND DRAINAGE.

(6) LIGHT AND POWER SUPPLY.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

(1) DENSITY.

The Committee feels that the building plot area should not be less than 200 Sq. yds. in the case of ground floor structures and the open space for each unit shall not be less than twice the covered area, excepting for Bombay Province where the minimum size of plot has been agreed to be 500 Sq.Yd. while in East Punjab it should be 250 Sq.Yds.

(b) The gross density as regards ground floor tenement units should range from 10 to 15 per acre. This should include the area of roads and public open spaces. The area occupied by roads and public open spaces shall not

xceed 50% of the total gross area.

ROAD SECTIONS.

The Committee is of the opinion that in a housing scheme no road idth shall be less than 40'. The actual road sections shall depend on local onditions and will be left to the discretion of engineers in charge.

3. FLOOR AREA AND PLINTH AREA ETC.

(1)

(a) The Committee is of the opinion that the minimum standard of accommodation for a family should be two rooms, a kitchen, verandah, a bath and W.C., but owing to present emergent conditions it might be necessary to postpone the construction of one of the living rooms where conditions warrant.

(b) That the minimum floor area of any room shall not be less than 100 Sft. and the width of verandahs may vary from 4 ft. to 8 ft. depending on local conditions.

4. WATER SUPPLY:-

The Committee recommends that in the case of townships where there is a pipe water supply but no sewerage the minimum should be 15 gallons per head, while in the case of townships with sewerage system it should be 30 gallons.

5) SEWAGE AND DRAINAGE.

The Committee recommends that conditions permitting sewerage and drainage system should be provided but where conditions prove unfavourable and the cost in prohibitive sewerage system may be kept in abeyence but suitabl surface drains should be provided. In the case of township layouts the committ recommends that the provision of a future sewerage system should be kept in view.

6. LIGHT AND POWER SUPPLY.

The Committee recommends that where sufficient electric power is available the street lighting should be provided.

AMENITIES AND UTILITIES.

The Committee is of opinion that in the planning of township layouts provision should be made of the following:-

1. Public open spaces and play grounds
2. Hospitals and health centres.
3. Schools.
4. Schopping markets and service industries.

6. Welfare and Maternity Centre.

7. Administrative Offices.

8. Burial grounds and cremation grounds.

It is felt that minimum provisions of these amenities and utilities be made according to the existing provincial standards.

All planning shall be on the basis of a closed and self-contained neighbourhood unit system, and the population of each neightbourhood may vary from 5,000 to 20,000 according to the size of the town.

Wherever possible the planning will be under the expert guidance of a qualified and experienced town planner.

Note:- The minimum standards as recommended above are subject to general and local building regulations, Bye-laws, or model clauses as

SUB-COMMITTEE III.

Report of the Committee on Resources, Agencies for Construction etc.

Members

Mr. P.R.Nayak	Convener	(Bombay)
" V.D.Dantyagi		(Ministry of Rehabilitation)
" Ragho Raj Sing		(C.P.)
" H. Bannerji		(West Bengal)
Mrs. Lakshmi P. Krishnappa		(Mysore)
Col. N.S.Bhagat		(U.P.)
Mr. S.M.Dudani		(Saurashtra)
" V.R.Ghangurde		(")
" D.C.Sharma		(East Punjab)
" B.D.Nanda		(Ministry of Rehabilitation)
" V.R.Bhatnagar		(Rajasthan)

The matters referred to the Committee include the following:-

i) the financial requirements of housing schemes and the extent to which Government, displaced persons and other private agencies can or ought to meet them;

ii) agencies for construction;

iii) the employment of displaced persons in constructional work; and

iv) technical man-power availability.

The Committee met twice on the 30th afternoon and the 31st morning.

Financial requirements:

2. In dealing with this matter the Committee has been severely handicapped by the non-availability of statistics which would have enabled more concrete proposals being made. For this reason, the Committee's views have had to be necessarily of a general nature.

The financial requirements are determined by the housing needs assessed in respect of each Province and State having regard to local conditions. The Committee considered whether over-all requirements could be determined on the basis of displaced persons now living in camps and on the assumption that the housing plans should provide for all of them. The general view, however, was that, in this matter, the situation varied from area to area and that it should be left to the local authorities to say what needs to be done. But the plans, in so far as direct Government responsibility is concerned, should embrace the provision of only a portion of the projected accommodation and of such services and amenities as may be necessary for attracting private initiative.

3. In view of the financial stringency that has arisen, a certain degree of austerity in housing standards and other services and amenities must now be applied and all schemes framed hitherto reviewed in this light. The degree of austerity will be fixed by the conference on the basis of the reports of two other Committees that have been set up. In addition, a new factor which was not present when most provinces and States formulated their plans early this year, must be taken into account: this is the presence of evacuee property in varying measure all over the country and the importance of making maximum use of such property for housing displaced persons.

4. The cost ingredients in any housing scheme comprise the following:-

a) land acquisition;

b) development of the site, including the provision of roads, water supply, drainage and lighting;

c) direct Government construction of housing accommodation;

d) phased development over a period of years; and

e) financial assistance to private building work undertaken by displaced persons whether individually or through co-operative housing societies.

(a) is not susceptible of any measure of economy.

(b) and (c) are likely to be standardised somewhat as a result of this conference.

As regards (d), which is related to financial requirements each year, the condition and the localities in which displaced persons are housed at present will determine the urgency of completing a new housing programme. While modification and spacing of a plan may be possible, in this light, the great psychological importance of suitable housing to the rehabilitation of displaced persons should not be overlooked. A balance must, therefore, be struck between phased expenditure in the interests of reducing the strain on our resources and the obvious need, in the present situation, of speeding rehabilitation, with the emphasis more on the latter. There seems to be diversity of practice as regards (e) above. The need for and the extent of financial assistance must, of course, vary depending on the local situation, but subject to this consideration, recognition of which may take the form of a certain discretion vested in a Provincial or State Government, a limit to the assistance that may be granted normally should be set.

5. The Committee recommends that a review of all housing schemes be

normally should be set.

5. The Committee recommends that a review of all housing schemes be undertaken forthwith on the foregoing lines and an accurate all India picture of financial requirements prepared. In view of the vital nature of the matter, the next step should be an assurance by the Central Government that these needs will be met over the period indicated. Any uncertainty about this will seriously aggravate the other difficulties of rehabilitation.

6. The Committee considered to what extent Governmental responsibility can be lightened by attracting private investment. A certain degree of indirect compulsion of displaced persons themselves should be aimed at by undertaking direct Government construction of only a portion, not exceeding 50% generally speaking, of the planned housing in any township or colony. There is no doubt that an appreciable percentage of displaced persons do possess resources capable of being applied for this purpose; and when the resources are inadequate, house building loans, granted judiously provide a partial solution. The formation of co-operative Housing Societies should, in this connection, be encouraged to the maximum extent.

For the rest, the Committee was of the view that private investment, except on a minute scale, is not likely to be attracted. Insurance companies and Construction Companies who have evinced some interest in the matter, expect, however, a return on their investment which would make the resultant houses totally uneconomical from the point of view of the average displaced person. Moreover, the Companies seem interested in building for the middle and upper middle classes only. Nevertheless, where a demand is made, there is no reason to refuse such enterprise facilities, including the release of building materials, for development in townships and colonies for displaced persons.

A reduction in Government liabilities, from time to time, may be secured by resort to the sale outright or on an instalment system of the houses that will be built under Government auspices. With the safeguard that the interests of the more indigent displaced persons are duly subserved, the attempt should generally be to dispose of houses in this manner rather than on rent. Inducements might be offered, for example, by way of a rebate on the price for outright purchase.

Agencies for Construction.

7. The earlier portion of this Report has touched upon the question of construction by individual displaced persons or through the medium of Co-operative Housing Societies. In so far as direct Government construction is concerned, difficulties may sometimes be encountered by rigid adherence to the practice that all work must be undertaken through the Public Works Dept. In this matter, while the normal rule should be that the services of the P.W.D. will be utilised as far as possible, consistently with the speedy execution of building schemes, it will become necessary to utilise other agencies, including special private agencies for undertaking building construction for displaced persons, especially when the houses are built on the principle of dispersal. In particular, the possibility of utilising technical personnel other than in the P.W. Department for supervising constructional work should not be overlooked.

Employment of displaced persons in constructional projects.

8. This matter may be considered under two heads:-

(a) employment of displaced persons as contractors, and

(b) employment of displaced persons as workers.

As regards (a), the Committee considers that, in all cases, tenders would be invited from the public, but any displaced contractor who qudes rates not in excess of 5% of the value of the lowest tender should be awarded the contract in preference to all others. Moreover, the principle of splitting up large projects into a number of smaller ones, so as to give opportunity to more displaced persons, should be accepted and worked to. With regard to (b) the Committee feels that all contracting agenices should be obliged, under the terms of the contract, to engage not less than 50% of the workers from amongst displaced persons. Further, in providing vocational training facilities for the benefit of displaced persons, special emphasis must be laid on the need for turning out masons, brick-layers, carpenters and others, who are essential for building constructional work on a large scale. Where such facilities do not now exist, Provincial and State Governments should give attention to the need for providing them as a matter of urgency.

Technical man-power.

9. The Committee is of the opinion that for the execution of housing

schemes on the scale now envisaged, there is an undoubted shortage of technical man-power in the country. There is no short-term solution to this problem of shortages except that involving a considerable resort to new methods of housing construction, possibly necessitating the import of specialised equipment and technical skill from abroad. If factories, for example, must be set up for the construction of prefabricated houses or the manufacture of woodwork on a mechanised scale or the import of raw or semi-finished materials from abroad is indicated, all this should be accepted as a matter of inescapable necessity. The Committee has already referred to the need for turning out skilled workers in certain trades related to the building industry. Further, at places where large scale building operations are undertaken, the scope for training displaced persons for the supervisory tasks should be specially explained as has been done at Nilokheri.

After full discussion, the Conference accepted the reports and decided to submit to the Government of India the recommendations of the Sub-Committees with the following modifications:-

Report of Sub-Committee No.I: The Bulletin proposed by the Sub-Committee should be issued by the Ministry of Rehabilitation, Government of India and it should be quarterly and not monthly bulletins.

Report of Sub-Committee No.II B: The recommendation (b) under head, "Floor area and plinth area" should be modified to read as follows:

> "(b) In the case of two-roomed tenements, the minimum floor area of any one room shall not be less than 100 sq.ft and the width of the verandah may vary from 4 ft to 8 ft depending on local conditions. Where only one living room is provided, the minimum area should be 120 sq. ft."

Report of Sub-Committee No. III. The recommendation of the Sub-Committee under para 8(a), i.e., the employment of displaced persons as contractors was not accepted by the Conference. The consensus of opinion was in favour of the following:-

> "The principle of splitting up large projects into a number of smaller ones may be accepted. Tenders should be invited as hitherto and the refugee contractors, if their quotations are not the lowest, should be negotiated with and asked to accept the contracts on the lowest tendered rates. This practice had been followed in Delhi with considerable success."

The Hon'ble Minister for Rehabilitation and the Adviser, Ministry of Rehabilitation thanked the delegates for having taken the trouble of coming to Delhi and having made valuable contributions to the deliberations of the Conference and the Sub-Committees. They hoped that when the delegates returned to their Provinces and States, the execution of the refugee housing schemes would be pursued with renewed vigour.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

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OFFICE OF

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No. 763
Encls.

Date 5th December 1949.

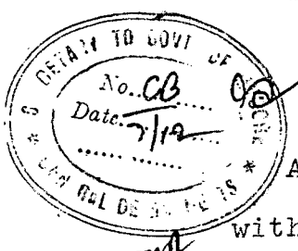
To

The General Secretary to Government,

Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject: Travelling allowance to the Mysore Delegates to the Refugee Housing Conference held at Delhi on 30th and 31st August 1949.



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Adverting to your letter No. 1575/C.B. dated 22-8-49 read with 1682/C.B. dated 25-8-49 addressed to the Chairman, Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee, Bangalore, touching the subject referrd to above, I have the honour to state that the delegates who participated the Refugee Housing Conference held at New Delhi on the 30th and 31st August 1949 were advanced each Rs. 700/- from out of the Refugee Relief Fund towards their travelling charges as kindly instructed in the letter under reference and that the delegates have, in respect of the journey performed, claimed as noted hereunder:-

1. Sri. R. Madhavan, Engineer officer, for 3 days.	660-8-0
2. Sm. Lakshmy P. Krishnappa, for 4 days	684-0-0

I am to say that, at the accommodation ~~made available~~ received for the Delegates in Imperial Hotel at New Delhi, the daily boarding expenses alone came upto Rs. 35/- not including the charges of transportation etc., and ~~the~~ and the amount claimed supra had had to be incurred as there was also the necessity to move about visiting the various centres, ~~etc~~ Refugee camps and other places.

In the circumstances, I request that sanction of Government may kindly be obtained for allowing the special rates of T.A., i.e., Rs. 35/- as Daily allowance and Rs. 10/- a day as Conveyance Allowance in addition to actual journey charges

charges to the delegates that attended the Conference in question.

Yours faithfully,

Nallur P Krishnappa
7/12/49.

for State Refugee Relief
Committee, Bangalore.

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The Joint Secretary,
Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee,
BANGALORE.

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Madam,

Subject: Refugee Housing Conference held at Delhi - T.A. and D.A. Charges.

With reference to your letter No.763 dated 5th December 1949 I am directed to invite reference to my letter No.1678-9/C.B. date 25th August 1949 and to request you to intimate by whom accommodation was reserved at Imperial Hotel, and whether the rates were ascertained beforehand, and if this was done by the Government of India, whether they would bear all or any of the charges of the Delegates.

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary to Government.

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OFFICE OF

Secretary,
Mysore State Refugee Relief
Committee, Bangalore.

No. 967 / 28-1-50
Encls.

Date 23rd Jan. 1950.

MEMO.

GENERAL & REVENUE SECRETARIAT
31 JAN 1950
CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH.

To

The Secretary to Government,
General Department, Bangalore.

SECRETARIAT TO GOVT. OF MYSORE
No. CO.
Date. 30.1.
CENTRAL DE-ASSIGNMENTS

Sir,

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Subject: Refugee Housing Conference held at Delhi
T.A. and D.A. Charges.

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With reference to your letter No. 9204/C.B. dated 12-1-50 requesting me to intimate by whom accommodation facilities at Imperial Hotel for the Mysore Delegates to attend Refugee Housing Conference held at Delhi on the 30th and 31st August 1949 were made available, whether the rates thereof were ascertained before hand etc., I have the honour to report that hardly a week's time there was when the delegates were called upon to participate in the Conference referred to above. I am to state further that the time intervening was so very short that enquiry regarding providing/accommodation at the Central Government expense, if so, the rates and whether the Central Government would bear all or any of the charges of the delegation could not be ~~xxxxx~~ pushed through before-hand.

In the circumstances we were left with no other alternative but to accept the facilities provided therefor with the immediate participation in the Conference in view.

Yours faithfully,

Lakshmi Narasimhaiya
28/1/50

Secretary,
Mysore State Refugee Relief
Committee, Bangalore.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. Dated Bangalore, 1st April 1950.

FROM

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.
L.S.G. Department.

To

The Organising Secretary,
Indian Red Cross,
Vani Vilas Road,
Basavangudi, BANGALORE.

Sir

Madam,

SUBJECT: Refugee Housing Conference held at Delhi - T.A. and D.A. charges.

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No.967 dated 23rd January 1950, requesting that special rate of Daily Allowance at Rs.35/- and Conveyance Allowance of Rs.20/- a day may be sanctioned, I am directed to state that the request cannot be granted.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd) L. MUNISWAMI,

Secretary to Government,
L.S.G. Department.

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Secretary to Government,
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